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Manchester Civic Band looking for new members as it begins its 49th year

The first practice is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Manchester High School band room, through the double doors at the southeast corner of the building, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester. Any musicians from junior high age on up and any instruments are invited. They practice

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ISDH awards Wabash Co. \$40,320 for COVID-19 vaccine clinic costs



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Volunteers have been staffing the local vaccine clinics.

State announces Hoosiers ages 55 and older now eligible to sign up for appointments

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At Monday's Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting, EMA director Keith Walters asked for approval to accept a state grant to help with the costs of operating the local COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

Walters said the state of Indiana offered the county and the health department a \$40,320 grant to help offset the expenses.

"It's not like other grants. We're not paying for it first," said Walters.

Walters said they would be given the funds "to administer according to our rules."

The commissioners accepted the proposal to accept the funds unanimously.

On Tuesday, Walters said this is a federal program administered by the Indiana Department of Health (ISDH).

"Funding is for local expenses associated with the operation of the vaccine location. Like disposable supplies, gloves, cleaning supplies, rent and leases, utilities and so on," said Walters.

Also on Tuesday, the ISDH announced Hoosiers age 55 and older, along with health-care workers, long-term care residents and first responders who are regularly called to the scene of an emergency to render medical assistance, are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

As of Tuesday, 1,014,651 first doses of vaccine have

been administered in Indiana, and 587,359 individuals are fully vaccinated.

Additional locations and appointments are being added as more vaccine become available.

Earlier on Tuesday, the ISDH announced that it has partnered with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, University of Notre Dame

and Ivy Tech Community College to host three mass vaccination clinics to help eligible Hoosiers receive a free COVID-19 vaccine.

The mass vaccination clinics will offer the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, which received its Emergency Use Authorization from the FDA

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Request to vacate Liberty Mills alley denied by commissioners

Board receives neighbor complaints, finds town plat 'to be in order'

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A request to vacate an alley in Liberty Mills was denied unanimously Monday during the regular Wabash County Board of Commissioners meeting.

District 3 commissioner

and vice-chairman Barry J. Eppeley said after an initial hearing last year to review the request, "subsequent investigation" had caused the commissioners to decide against it.

The board then voted and passed the denial unanimously.

On Tuesday, Eppeley said the request was to vacate portions of a street or alley

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Three children killed in Saturday house fire

By JARED KEEVER
Peru Tribune Editor

Three children died Saturday after they were pulled from a burning home in southern Miami County.

Miracle Gingerich, 6, Steven Gingerich, 5, and Wilma Gingerich, 1, were pulled from the home by firefighters and taken to area hospitals where they later died, a news release from the Indiana State Police said.

Miami County Central Dispatch first received

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Photo by JARED KEEVER // jkeever@perutribune.com

The front wall of a home destroyed in a Saturday morning fire stands Monday morning at 13475 South Miami County Road 300 East. Three children whom firefighters pulled from the flames were taken to area hospitals and later pronounced dead.

Public, WCS staff invited to schools chief search meetings

The community will have a chance to provide input Thursday, March 11

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Wabash City Schools (WCS) board has officially begun the search for its new superintendent and your chance to make your voice heard and have your questions answered is fast approaching.

On Monday, WCS board president Rod Kelsheimer said they had planned a series of meetings over the next few days to engage both the public and staff in the process.

"It is the board's intention to seek input from staff and

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Library fees nearly a thing of the past in Wabash Co.

Both NMPL and WCPL policies now eliminate almost all such charges for patrons

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Thanks to a recent change, a library overdue fine will be hard to come by in Wabash County.

This especially good news for patrons who, until recently, have been able to visit any of the physical library locations in the county due to COVID-19 restrictions.

WCPL

On Tuesday, Wabash Carnegie Public Library (WCPL) executive director Ware Wimberly said at the Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2020, the board voted to abolish overdue fines on most library materials.

Wimberly said that due to this policy change enacted

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Women's Clubhouse set to re-open Tuesday, March 9

The Woman's Clubhouse "is excited to be opening back up" on Tuesday, March 9 for their regularly scheduled luncheon and program, hosting Jason Kissel, according to Ellen Stouffer. Lunch will begin at noon, with the program on "Wildflowers of Wabash County" beginning at 1 p.m. Emmilee Dewey will provide a special dessert and

have some goodies for sale. Carry-out will be provided for anyone who can't come but would like a lunch. Make your reservation for lunch or carry-out by calling Carol McDonald at 260-5632331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613. For more information, call Stouffer at 260-571-5339.

VFW Post No. 286 plans fish fry for Friday

The Veterans of Foreign

Wars (VFW) Post No. 286 has planned a fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 5 at 3678 W Old 24, according to a Dan Ford.

The menu will include hand beer-battered fish, baked beans and coleslaw.

The cost is \$9 per person. The event will be open to the public. Carryout will be available.

"Current COVID-19 restrictions will be observed," said Ford.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

Grant provides children with 'Giraffe Problems' book, toy

STAFF REPORT

The Women's Clubhouse used a grant from the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) to provide each Wabash Headstart student with a copy of the book, "Giraffe Problems," and the coordinating stuffed toy giraffe, according to teacher Lisa Sarll and Women's Clubhouse member Diana Rapp.

"The Women's Clubhouse Start Talking About Reading (STAR) Program encourages reading at school and in the home while developing a love for reading."



Children hold up their books and toys.

Provided photo

Indiana high court splits over revealing execution drugs

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Department of Correction faces paying more than \$500,000 in legal fees in its unsuccessful fight to keep its execution drugs secret.

A 2-2 split among Indiana Supreme Court justices leaves in place a lower court ruling that ordered the prison agency to release the information. The Supreme Court's order issued last week also means the state must pay the legal fees of an anti-death penalty attorney

who has been seeking information about Indiana's lethal injection drugs for seven years.

The ruling will hinder Indiana's ability to carry out executions and leaves many unresolved issues that will likely end up back in court, Indiana Solicitor General Thomas Fisher told The Indianapolis Star.

Indiana currently has eight men facing the death penalty who are being held at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City. No executions are

currently scheduled, and the state last executed an inmate in 2009.

The legal case began after Katherine Toomey, a Washington, D.C., attorney who represents groups opposing the death penalty, filed a public records request seeking the identities of the manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of Indiana's execution drugs. Toomey filed a lawsuit after the Department of Correction refused that request.

5-Day Weather Summary

Wednesday
Sunny
56 / 29

Thursday
Sunny
49 / 27

Friday
Partly Cloudy
47 / 28

Saturday
Mostly Sunny
48 / 27

Sunday
Mostly Sunny
54 / 35

Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 6:37 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 7:11 a.m.

Last 3/5

New 3/13

First 3/21

Full 3/28

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 56°, humidity of 53%. West southwest wind 7 to 14 mph. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 30°. Southeast wind 6 to 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 25°. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high of 49°, humidity of 48%.

Gebhart Holdings acquires Secondary Metal Processors

Secondary Metal Processors' Wabash, Peru locations purchased

STAFF REPORT

Gebhart Holdings has announced its purchase of Secondary Metal Processors' Wabash and Peru locations, according to the director of marketing Carrie Vineyard.

This acquisition will be merged with Gebhart Holding's current recycling division, Metal Source Recycling.

Secondary Metals location in Wabash will be closed to the public with all recycling services diverted to Metal Source Recycling located at 1733 S. Wabash St.

The Secondary Metals location in Peru will continue to serve that area under its new name of "Metal Source Recycling."

Vineyard said the Wabash location will be upgrading its buildings and infrastructures, while the Peru location will be upgrading to new scales, concrete, equipment, and technology. These updates will allow Metal Source Recycling to continue to generate the best possible experience for their customers.

"I am excited to add these facilities to our portfolio as we continue to strive towards our long-term growth plans," stated Gebhart Holdings CEO Benjamin Gebhart.

Vineyard said Gebhart Holdings is a privately held

corporation focusing on growth through vertical integration.

"The company is committed to enriching the community of Wabash and those around it by creating and maintaining successful entities that will, in turn, cause the community to thrive," said Vineyard. "They aim to offer products, solutions, and resources at the highest level to each of the industries that they participate in. Currently, Gebhart Holdings businesses include Metal Source, Metal Source Recycling, Wabash Steel Supply, Wabash Trucking, Wabash Property Management, Splash and Dash Car Wash, Wabash Motor Company, DRG Logistics and Central Indiana Driving Institute."



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The expansion will include constructing 37K square foot building

STAFF REPORT

Beacon Credit Union donated \$5,000 to Heartland Adult Education Career Center for their new expansion project, according to community relations specialist Kelly Stuber.

The expansion will in-

clude constructing a 37,000 square foot building to create a place that will offer learning opportunities for advanced manufacturing and health credentials for adults. Currently, no program in the region supports or has the space for adult learning.

"We are proud to support Heartland Career Center in providing adults an opportunity to learn advanced manufacturing skills and

the knowledge of health credentials in such a rapidly growing, skilled labor force. This will help them achieve their full potential personally and professionally as adults," stated CEO and president Kevin Wilour. "Beacon Credit Union proudly supports Heartland Career Center and their mission to provide an environment for students and adults to learn skills to better them for the technical society."



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It's our shot, Hoosiers. Seniors, long-term care residents, healthcare workers and first responders are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

To check if you or someone you know qualifies, go to **OurShot.IN.gov**. Seniors can also call 211 to learn more.



Remember, we need to keep wearing masks and following other protective measures to keep everyone safe.

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Obituaries

COVID-19 pandemic fuels attacks on health workers globally

By HELEN WIEFFERING and JOSHUA HOUSING
Associated Press

Two Nigerian nurses were attacked by the family of a deceased COVID-19 patient. One nurse had her hair ripped out and suffered a fracture. The second was beaten into a coma.

Following the assaults, nurses at Federal Medical Centre in the Southwestern city of Owo stopped treating patients, demanding the hospital improve security. Almost two weeks passed before they returned to work with armed guards posted around the clock.

“We don’t give life. It is God that gives life. We only care or we manage,” said Francis Ajibola, a local leader with the National Association of Nigeria Nurses and Midwives.

The attack in Nigeria early last month was just one of many on health workers globally during the COVID-19 pandemic. A new report by the Geneva-based Insecurity Insight and the University of California, Berkeley’s Human Rights Center identified more than 1,100 threats or acts of violence against health care workers and facilities last year.

Researchers found that about 400 of those attacks were related to COVID-19, many motivated by fear or frustration, underscoring the dangers surrounding health care workers at a time when they are needed most. Insecurity Insight defines a health care attack as any physical violence against or intimidation of health care workers or settings, and uses online news agencies, humanitarian groups and social media posts to track incidents around the world.

“Our jobs in the emergency department and in hospitals have gotten exponentially more stressful and harder, and that’s at baseline even when people are super supportive,” said Rohini Haar, an emergency physician in Oakland, California, and Human Rights Center research fellow. “To do that work and to do it with commitment while being attacked or with the fear of being attacked is heartbreaking to me.”

Medical professionals from surgeons to paramedics have long confronted injury or intimidation on the job, especially in conflict zones. Experts say many attacks are rooted in fear or mistrust, as family members react to a relative’s death or a community responds to uncertainty around a disease. The coronavirus has amplified those tensions.

Ligia Kantún has worked as a nurse for 40 years in Mexico and never felt threatened until last spring. As she was leaving a hospital in Merida in April, she heard someone shout the word “Infected!” She was drenched in hot coffee before she could turn around.

“When I got home 10 minutes later my daughter was waiting for me and I hugged her crying, all scared, thinking, ‘How is it possible that they have done this to me?’” she told The Associated Press.

Kantún said many people in Mexico at the time thought health workers wore the same uniforms in public that they wore when treating coronavirus patients. “That ignorance was what made them act that way,” she said.

Researchers saw the most attacks last spring and summer as the coronavirus swept across the globe. Yet recent events from Nigeria to the Netherlands, where in January rioters set fire to a coronavirus testing center, prove the threat remains.

Haar said she expected health care workers to be widely celebrated for their lifesaving work during the pandemic, just as Italians sang tributes to doctors during the lockdown.

“But actually that didn’t happen in many, many places,” she said. “There’s actually more fear, more distrust, and attacks grew rather than decreased.”

Many attacks may have gone undetected because they are never reported to police or in the media. Insecurity Insight scrambled to expand its monitoring as a flood of attacks were detected in countries that have traditionally been safe for health workers, said director Christina Wille.

In the United States, for example, researchers counted about a dozen threats to health care workers last year. Several incidents involved the injury or arrest of street medics during Black Lives Matter protests.

“I think in the U.S. the culture has been more of trusting health workers,” Haar, the emergency physician, said. “There hasn’t been a longstanding conflict where there’s been a dissonance between health workers and the community.”

Yet health workers in the U.S. are still subject to great risk. Hospital employees in the U.S. are nearly six times as likely as the average worker to be the victim of an intentional injury, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and last month a Minnesota medical assistant was killed during a shooting at a clinic by a former patient unhappy with his treatment.

Misinformation has spurred violence in some cases. Wille said her team looked closely at social media postings in April after three Ebola treatment centers were ransacked in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

“We could actually see that there was a build-up over several days of misinformation about what they call the ‘Ebola business,’ that this was all related to people inventing the disease,” she said.

Experts say that even though health workers are in many cases the target of attacks, entire communities suffer when they lose access to medical care after a clinic or medical facility is forced to close due to threats.

“You’re robbing the community of the service they would have provided,” said Nyka Alexander, who leads the World Health Organization’s communications on health emergencies.

With or without a pandemic, the most dangerous places for health workers are often areas of conflict and political upheaval. Last year, hundreds of threats and acts of violence were tracked in Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Naser Almhawish, surveillance coordinator for Syria’s Early Warning Alert and Response Network, said he faced threats several times while working as a doctor in the city of Raqqa. He recalled the day in 2012 at Ar-Raqqa National Hospital when armed men confronted him in the middle of an operation, saying they’d kill him if the patient died.

“You just freeze and you know that you are working and you are trying to save this guy,” he said. “This is our duty. I didn’t ask if this guy was a military, civilian or anything. He’s a human being who needed an operation.”

Almhawish said such attacks on health care settings in Syria had waned in the last year. Researchers said declining violence in the country was the reason they didn’t see a greater surge in total health care attacks in 2020.

Kantún, the nurse in Mexico, said she went almost eight months after the attack last April without wearing her nursing scrubs in public. Now, one year into the pandemic, she feels health workers are more respected. But she still worries.

Joseph Earl Bakehorn

June 20, 1926 – Feb. 28, 2021

Joseph Earl Bakehorn, 94, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021 at his home. He was born June 20, 1926 in Wabash, to Ralph E. and Lura Delight (Kistler) Bakehorn.

Joe attended Wabash High School. He worked for James Stefanatos Sr. shining shoes, delivered milk for Brewers Dairy, and also worked at the dairy, washing milk bottles and milk cans. Joe joined the US Navy on July 3, 1943, served on the USS Tripoli Aircraft Carrier, and was discharged Dec. 7, 1945. He married Barbara Jean Martin in Wabash on June 29, 1947. Joe worked in the foundry at Ford Meter Box for 43 years and five months, retiring in 1989 as the Assistant Foundry Manager. He was a member of the Wabash Alliance Church, the American Foundry Association, and the local chapter of the AARP. Joe was a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels and also a volunteer helper of the Red Cross Mobile Blood Drive.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jean Bakehorn of Wabash, two daughters, Linda Sue (Gary) Vigar of Fort Myers, Florida, and Pamela (Tim) Harman of Union, Michigan; eight grandchildren, Gerald Vigar Jr. of Wabash, Valerie Braden of Elkins, West Virginia, Rachel Vigar of Mapleton, Illinois, Matthew Vigar of Irwin, Pennsylvania, Todd



Houser and Jeremy Houser, both of LaFontaine, Tameka Perez of Glen Burnie, Maryland, and Daniel Townsend of Elkhart, Indiana. 19 great-grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren, and his sister, Shirley Ann Shanabarger of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, LeRoy, Harold, Truman “Bud”, Paul, and Ralph Bakehorn Jr., and three sisters, Louis Thixton, Mildred Bullins, and Betty Jean Brim.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Friday, March 5, 2021, at Wabash Alliance Church, 1200 N. Cass Street, Wabash, with Todd Render officiating. Burial will be in Mississinewa Cemetery, Somerset. Friends may call 5-8 pm Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Ave. Wabash.

The memorial guest book for Joe may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Barbara ‘Sue’ Eltzroth

Services for Barbara “Sue” Eltzroth, are 2 p.m. Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Burial in Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Visitation 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday.

Guadalupe ‘Lupé’ Sanchez

Jan. 6, 2001 – Feb. 27, 2021

Guadalupe “Lupé “ Sanchez, II, 20, Marion, passed away on Feb. 27, 2021. He was born on Jan. 6, 2001 to Guadalupe and Michelle (Guenin) Sanchez, Sr.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 at The River Church, 759 South Lenfesty Avenue, Marion, Indiana 46953.

Visitation for family and

friends will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at The River Church in Marion.

Funeral services have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com

Imogene ‘Jean’ Warren

April 25, 1927 - March 1, 2021

Imogene “Jean” Warren, 93, North Manchester, died March 1, 2021 at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester. Jean was born in Wabash County on April 25, 1927 to Merl and Mildred (Reed) Bridegroom.

Jean is survived by sons, Randy (Eldonna) Warren and Rodney (Susan) Warren; daughter, Becky Stafford; brother, Ronald Bridegroom;

seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Calling Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will be at Silver Lake Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

Mary Christine (Rollins) Sampson

Feb. 27, 1947 – Feb. 24, 2021

Mary Christine (Rollins) Sampson, 73, of Wabash, Indiana went home to be with the Lord at 4:03 p.m., at Parkview Regional Medical Center, with her husband and youngest daughter at her bedside, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021.

She was born on Feb. 27, 1947 in Glendale, Ohio to Charles and Mary Jane (Pfeiffer) Rollins.

She was a 1965 high school graduate of Mount Notre Dame Girls School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She loved her Lord supremely. She loved reading her Bible, praying, and going to church. She served faithfully with her husband, Rev. James Sampson, in full-time ministry from 1985 to the present. They have served as missionary pastors to the Native Americans in South Dakota, as a Bible college professor, and in various other pastoral roles. At the present, she was an active member of the Wabash (IN) Bible Holiness Church, where her husband is the Pastor.

She also loved being a “Homemaker” with all of the domestic duties that come with that role. She loved all of her family members, especially her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild. She really enjoyed visiting with them, and talking and texting on the phone. She also was very fond of her little dog.

Many were really touched by her radiant smile, genuine laugh, and joyous spirit. She will be especially missed by her husband of 49 years, and all of her children.

Preceding her in death are her parents and brother-in-



law Ed Moroney.

She is survived by: husband Rev. James Sampson; children Paul (Nancy) Sampson, Martha (Troy) Castle, Joanna Sampson, David Sampson, and Sarah Sampson; siblings Kathleen (Rollins) Moroney, Joan Rollins, William Rollins, and John (Rhonda) Rollins; grandchildren Breanne Funk, Seth, Ethan, Silas, and Elliott Castle; great-granddaughter Alayna Funk; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at Petersburg Holiness Church, located at 5317 North Knox Road, Petersburg, IN 47567, officiated by Revs. Stephen Kirkman and Timothy Stuart. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time at the church. The graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021 at Oak Hill Cemetery, located at 11200 Princeton Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246.

Online condolences may be made at odharrisfuneralhome.com

O.D. Harris & Sons Funeral Home is entrusted with care.

Annabelle ‘Ann’ Long

June 30, 1933 – Feb. 27, 2021

Annabelle “Ann” Long, 87, of rural Peru, Indiana, formerly of Wabash, Indiana, died at 8:55 pm, Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 at her home. She was born June 30, 1933 in North Grove, Indiana, to Atlee and Mary (Hostetler) Miller.

Ann was a 1951 graduate of Clay Township High School in Miami County, Indiana. She married Alvin A. Long in North Grove, on Jan. 26, 1962; he died Jan. 16, 1999. Ann was a homemaker and a member of the First Church of Christ in Peru. She enjoyed reading, watching westerns and game shows on television, and especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by eight children, Michael (Christy) Long of Peru, Lori (William “Bill”) Hitchcock of New Haven, Indiana, Scott (Jackie) Long of Wabash, Indiana, and Eric (Melissa) Long of



Anderson, Indiana, Kay (Robert) Radel of Peru, Suzy (Tony) Peterka of Dayton, Ohio, Howard (Tina) Long and Dale Long, both of Peru, 22 grandchildren,

38 great grandchildren, and 8 great great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Charles and Eldon Miller, and three sisters, Ruth Avery, Dorothea Schmittou, and Betty Miller.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Evangelist Shane Capps officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is First Church of Christ in Peru.

The memorial guest book for Ann may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Six Dr. Seuss books to stop being published over ‘hurtful and wrong’ portrayals

By KATE FELDMAN
New York Daily News (TNS)

Six Dr. Seuss books are being retired after decades of criticism over racist imagery in the illustrated children’s stories.

Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the organization that carries on the author’s legacy, announced Tuesday that it will stop publishing and licensing “And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street,” “If I Ran the Zoo,” “McElligot’s Pool,” “On Beyond Zebra!,” “Scrambled Eggs Super!” and “The Cat’s Quizzer.”

“These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong,” the organization said in a statement Tuesday morning, adding that the decision was made last year with a panel of experts, including teachers.

“Ceasing sales of these books is only part of our commitment and our broader plan to ensure Dr. Seuss Enterprises’s catalog represents and supports all communities and families.”

The announcement falls on the birthday of Dr. Se-



Dreamstime

A statue of Dr. Seuss and the cat in the hat at the Springfield, Massachusetts museum.

uss, born Theodor Seuss Geisel in Springfield, Mass., on March 2, 1904.

While the children’s classics are still revered around the world, renewed criticism has spurred second looks at his depictions of

minorities.

Over the weekend, Loudoun County Public Schools in Virginia announced that they would de-emphasize Dr. Seuss books on Read Across America Day, an annual

event that coincides with the author’s birthday, over “strong racial undertones” in his work, including “anti-Japanese American political cartoons and cartoons depicting African Americans for sale.”

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN
DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff Sale File number: 85-21 -0005-SS
Date & Time of Sale:
Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10:00 am
Sale Location:
Wabash County Sheriffs Department Base-
ment Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$126,065.52
Cause Number: 85D01-2009-MF-000625
Plaintiff: BLUESKY CAPITAL LLC
Defendant: TIFFANY DIAMOND
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me,
directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit
Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me
to make the sum as provided for in said DE-
CREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at
public sale to the highest bidder at the date,
time and location listed above, the fee simple
of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain
tract or parcel of land described as follows:
The following described real estate situated in
Wabash County, State of Indiana: A part of Re-
serve 18, Township 26 North, Range 6 East in
the City of Wabash, Indiana, being more parti-
cularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at
a stone marked "3" near the south bank of the
Wabash River, said stone being located south
91.74 feet; thence S 80 degrees 15 minutes E
656.04 from the Northwest corner of said Re-
serve 18; thence South 646.8 feet; thence N
77 degrees 30 minutes 477.84 feet; thence N
68 degrees E 12.2 feet to a point in the North-
erly line of Chestnut Street; thence along said
Northerly line N 41 degrees 14 minutes E
181.0 feet; thence along a curve to the right of
218.20 feet radius 58.2 feet; thence N 72 de-
grees 46 minutes W 43.3 feet; thence S 45 de-
grees 48 minutes W 128.45 feet; thence S 62
degrees 11 minutes W 50.74 feet; thence N 83
degrees 66 minutes W 85.30 feet; thence N 11
degrees 38 minutes W 173.45 feet; thence N
66 degrees 26 minutes E 158.38 feet; thence
N 66 degrees 05 minutes E 103.40 feet;
thence N 66 degrees 29 minutes E 44.30 feet;
thence N 1 degree 09 minutes E 75.00 feet to
a point in the south bank of the Wabash River;
thence along said bank in a Northwesterly di-
rection to a point 92.4 feet North of the place
beginning; thence South 92.4 feet to the place
of beginning, containing 6.71 acres, more less.
Subject to highways, right-of-ways, easements
and restrictions of record.
Commonly Known as: 200 CHESTNUT
STREET, WABASH, IN 46992
Parcel No. 85-14-58-200-001.000-009
Together with rents, issues, income and profits
thereof, this sale will be made without relief
from valuation or appraisalment laws. In ac-
cordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3,
this Notice shall also represent service of No-
tice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners.
* An entire Sheriffs Sale may be canceled due
to inclement weather or other county emergen-
cies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled,
each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will
be assigned to the next available sale (nor-
mally 2 months from original sale). This will al-
low compliance with Indiana Code concerning
posting, publication, and serving time frames.
Also, new Sheriffs Sale fees will be assessed
and the parcels will be automatically re-advert-
ised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the
new fees and advertising costs.
David M Bengs, Plaintiffs Attorney
Attorney No. 16646-20
Marinosci Law Group, PC
455 West Lincolnway, Suite B
Valparaiso, IN 46385
(219)531-3508
Ryan Baker, Sheriff
by Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant
Phone: (260) 563-8891
Noble Township
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the
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lished herein.
PLEASE SERVE:
TIFFANY DIAMOND
713 W DUARTE RD., SUITE G882
ARCADIA, CA 91007
TIFFANY DIAMOND
1631 SOUTH CABANA AVENUE
WEST COVINA, CA 91790
TIFFANY DIAMOND
200 CHESTNUT STREET
WABASH, IN 46992
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Legals

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN
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ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Sheriff Sale File number 85-21-0008-SS
Date & Time of Sale:
Tuesday, April 13,2021 at 10:00 am
Sale Location:
Wabash County Sheriffs Department Base-
ment Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street
Judgment to be Satisfied: \$90,932.19
Cause Number: 85C01-1912-MF-001034
Plaintiff: GRANT COUNTY STATE BANK
Defendant BRADEN WHITESELL and ALICIA
WHITESELL; AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me,
directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit
Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me
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CREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at
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1.05 ACRES IN THE WEST HALF OF
RICHARDVILLE FLOAT SECTION (RE-
SERVE) NUMBER 3, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH,
RANGE 7 EAST, LIBERTY CIVIL TOWNSHIP,
WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA, DESCRIBED
AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT
IN THE WEST LINE OF RESERVE NUMBER
3, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST.
WABASH COUNTY, INDIANA WHICH IS 3784
FEET f NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST
CORNER OF SAID RESERVE. SAID POINT
MARKED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT MARKER
NO. 328, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 22
MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 927.55 FEET
TO MARKER NO. 327. THENCE NORTH 01
DEGREE 24 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST
12.98 FEET TO A PIPE AT THE PLACE OF
BEGINNING: THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE
24 MINUTES 29 SECONDS WEST 246.21
FEET TO A PIPE, THENCE NORTH 61 DE-
GREES 50 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST
129.41 FEET TO THE CENTER OF FRANCIS
SLOCUM TRAIL, THENCE ALONG SAID
CENTERLINE SOUTH 40 DEGREES 07
MINUTES 09 SECONDS EAST 224.73 FEET,
THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES 50 MINUTES
10 SECONDS WEST 286.81 FEET TO THE
POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING
1.05 ACRES.
Commonly Known as: 363 E. OLD SLOCUM
TRAIL, LA FONTAINE, IN 46940
Parcel No. 85-19-43-300-015.000-055
Together with rents, issues, income and profits
thereof, this sale will be made without relief
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Also, new Sheriffs Sale fees will be assessed
and the parcels will be automatically re-advert-
ised. The plaintiff win be responsible for the
new fees and advertising costs.
Michael E. Farrer, Plaintiffs Attorney
Attorney No. 6784-49
GRAHAM, HOPPER.
FARRER & WILSON. P.C.
1601 South Anderson Street
P.O. Box 494
Elwood. IN 46036
(765)552-9878
Ryan Baker, Sheriff
By: Connie Rich. Administrative Assistant
Phone:(260)583-8891
Liberty Township
The Sheriffs Department does not warrant the
accuracy of the commonly known address
published herein.
PLEASE SERVE:
ALICIA WHITESELL
9923 NORTHBROOK VALLEY DRIVE, APT. 4
FORT WAYNE, IN 46825
BRADEN WHITESELL
9923 NORTHBROOK VALLEY DRIVE, APT. 4
FORT WAYNE, IN 46825
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Legals

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH)SS:
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO: 85C01-2102-EU-000017
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF:
SHIRLEY L. HARRIS, Deceased
NOTICE OF
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of
February, 2021, NICOLE L. HARRIS was ap-
pointed personal representative of the unsu-
pervised estate of SHIRLEY L. HARRIS, de-
ceased, who died on the 25th day of January,
2021.
All persons having claims against this estate,
whether or not now due, must file the claim in
the office of the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first publica-
tion of this notice, or within nine (9) months
after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier,
or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Wabash, Indiana,
this 17th day of February, 2021.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
LORI DRAPER, Clerk
Wabash Circuit Court
Attorney for the Estate:
R. P. Fisher
FISHER & IRELAND
65 West Canal Street
Wabash, Indiana 46992
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Legals

NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of
Wabash County, Indiana, that the proper legal
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meet on Monday March 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.
EST at the Wabash County Courthouse meet-
ing room on the second floor to consider the
following Additional Appropriation requests in
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Legals


STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF WABASH
IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NUMBER: 85C01-1903-JC-12
IN THE MATTER OF:
KB - DOB 1/14/2018
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE
A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND CORY BOWERS (MOTHER)
BRETT NICCUM (FATHER)
SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF
CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
HEARING
TO:Cory Bowers
Whereabouts unknown
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above
noted parent whose whereabouts are un-
known, that the Indiana Department of Child
Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging
the child to be in Need of Services, in ac-
cordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudica-
tion hearing has been scheduled with the
Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear
before the Judge of the Wabash Circuit Court,
49 West Hill Street,Wabash, IN 46992 - 260-
563-0661 for a(n) Modification Hearing on
4/16/2021 at 9:00 AM. At said hearing, the
Court will consider the Petition and evidence
thereon and will render its decision as to
whether the above named minor child is child
in need of services and shall enter adjudica-
tion accordingly. Your failure to appear after
lawful notice will be deemed as your default
and waiver to be present at said hearing.
UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A
DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in
which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives
for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the
child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of
your participation in the program of care, treat-
ment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3)
Your financial responsibility for any services
provided for the parent, guardian or custodian
of the child including child support.
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in per-
son or by an attorney within thirty (30) days
after the last publication of this notice, and in
the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on
said petition, judgment by default may be
entered against you, or the court may proceed
in your absence, without further notice.
/s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL)
Clerk
Matthew Boulac, 26010-49
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
250 Main St Suite 301
Lafayette, IN 47901
Office: 765-429-3335
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Two-year relationship seems to be off more often than on

DEAR ABBY: I have been on and off with a man for two years. In all this time, he has never spent a holiday or Valentine’s Day with me, or introduced me to his family or friends. He told me to stay in the bathroom at his office when his friends showed up unexpectedly. When I objected, he said, “It’s only for 20 minutes.” I was horrified.

He accuses me of picking fights and says I will never be happy with anyone when I try to talk with him about it. He breaks up with me at holiday time, never calls when he’s on vacation and our dates are always last minute. I realize he is using me for sex, but he insists I am wrong and he is a decent man.

Two birthdays passed, and he didn’t even wish me a happy birthday, yet he buys presents and cards for every occasion for his friends and family. He blocks my number if I don’t “behave properly.” He calls me “Miss” in public, but calls waitresses “Sweetie” the few times we have gone out.

Narcissistic and emotionally abusive? Am I wrong? He tells me no one will stay with me once they know the type of woman I am. I’m not always at fault like he wants me to believe. He buys me nothing to drink or eat when we are together. I pay my own way. I regret the day he entered my life. How can I make him see what he does is wrong? – Almost Done In New York

DEAR ALMOST DONE: This shameless man may never view what he has been doing as wrong, so don’t try to “make” him see anything. End this sorry excuse for a relationship now, because it is degrading, a waste of your time, and it’s very likely that he is married and cheating on his wife.

DEAR ABBY: I am 62, very healthy and youthful, and work full time as an R.N. I recently started dating a 67-year-old man I met on a dating site. We go out, do various things together, laugh and seem to be compatible. My concern is, he has significant heart disease.

He has had stents put in and is on multiple meds. He also has moderate kidney failure. I’m realizing he’s actually very preoccupied with the state of his health because he talks about it often, and he sees physicians as well as a naturopath and myofascial release specialist.

We were taking my dogs for a walk recently and he said he didn’t feel well. He fell, and his defibrillator went off. Another time we were on a trip and he couldn’t walk far before saying he needed water, and he also wanted to be sure there was a bathroom close by. Another time we were attempting to have some intimacy and his defibrillator went off, which put a damper on the mood.

Should I stay with this guy when his general health is so poor? It is affecting me – and us. I do not want to be a caretaker, although at the same time, I do have compassion for him. – Heartstrings Pulled

DEAR HEARTSTRINGS: What a sad situation. It shouldn’t take a medical background to see what the future holds, at least for him.

This is a new relationship. Not once in your letter did you mention the depth of his feelings for you or yours for him. He does – and probably will continue to – need looking after. Because you stated you are not prepared to do that, tell him NOW while he’s well enough to find someone who would be.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dear Abby



CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 “Anyone home?” (hyph.)
- 7 Swifter
- 13 “1984” author
- 14 Bite off too much
- 15 Ate hungrily
- 16 Edit
- 17 Little kid
- 18 Whiz
- 19 End of some URLs
- 22 Frozen
- 24 Astronomer’s sighting
- 28 Chimpanzee
- 29 Singing brothers
- 30 Three, in Bolivia
- 31 Alert color
- 32 Govt. agent
- 33 Informal discussions
- 34 Alaskan native
- 36 Onassis nickname
- 38 Sock part
- 39 Famous loch

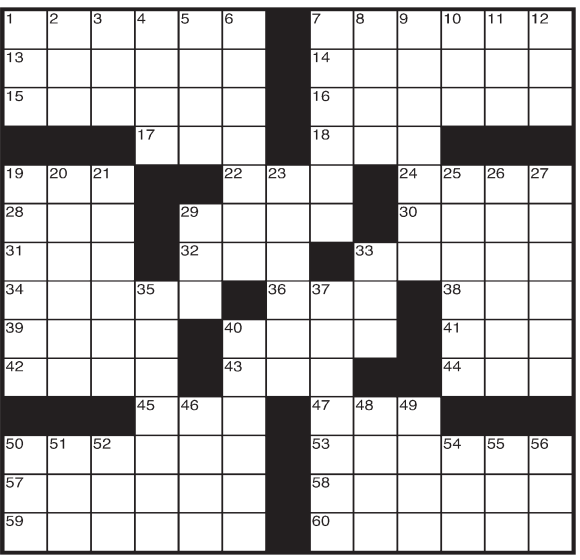
DOWN

- 1 Zippy the Pinhead’s cry
- 2 Conquistador’s quest
- 3 Night hunter
- 4 Weight
- 5 Butter substitute
- 6 Former (hyph.)
- 7 Quick raids
- 8 With, to monsieur

Answer to Previous Puzzle



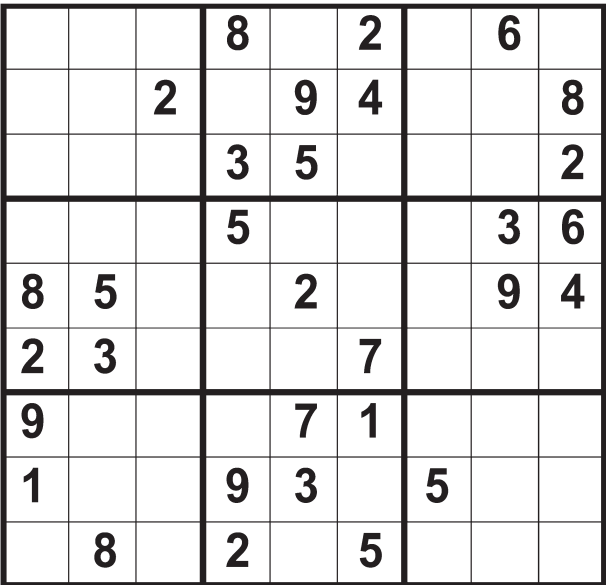
- 9 In — heaven
- 10 Prefix for pod
- 11 Mag. staffers
- 12 Caviar
- 19 Affectionate
- 20 Kitchen tool
- 21 Snake-haired Gorgon
- 23 Fragrant trees
- 25 Made a speech
- 26 Nixed
- 27 Affirm
- 29 At the stern
- 33 England’s FBI
- 35 Flowing out
- 37 Put back
- 40 Defeated
- 46 Mock fanfare (hyph.)
- 48 School near Windsor Castle
- 49 Sweetheart
- 50 Freight amts.
- 51 Each and every
- 52 Pooh’s pal
- 54 Ms. Zetterling
- 55 Badges and such
- 56 Surefooted pet



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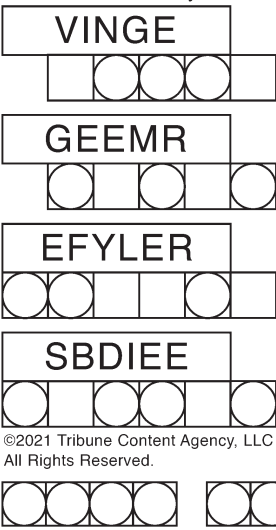
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7	5	4	8	9	2	6	1	3
1	9	5	3	8	4	7	2	6
6	7	2	5	1	9	8	3	4
4	8	3	2	6	7	5	9	1
2	3	7	1	4	8	9	6	5
8	4	1	9	5	6	3	7	2
5	6	9	7	2	3	1	4	8

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



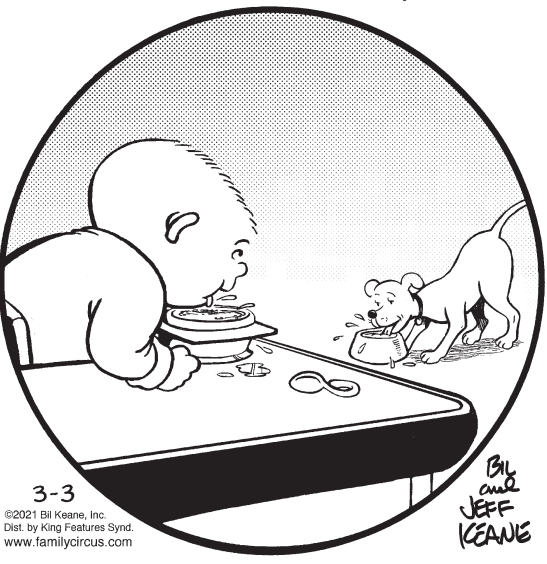
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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday’s Jumbles: BAYOU BUDDY NINETY NEARLY Answer: After the rock group trashed their hotel suite, the hotel manager — BANNED THE BAND

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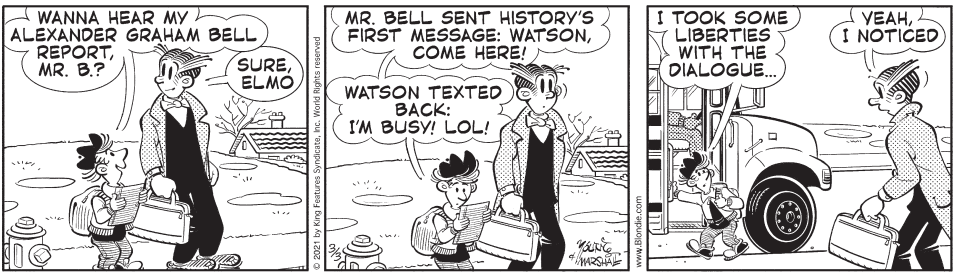


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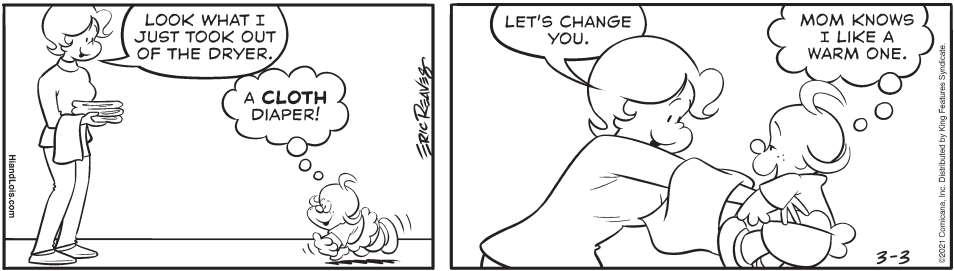
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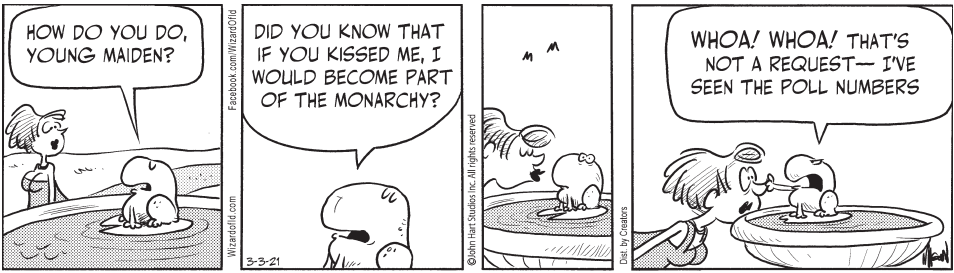
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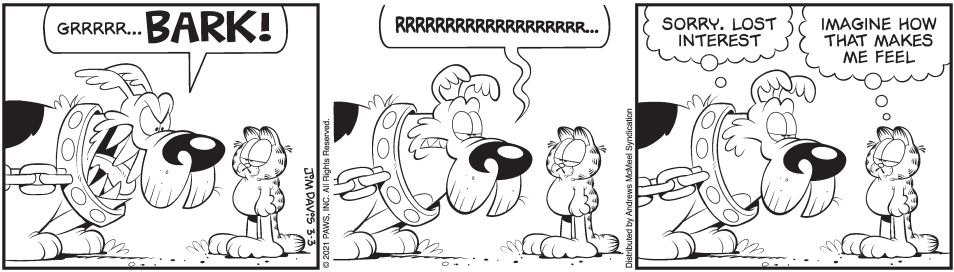
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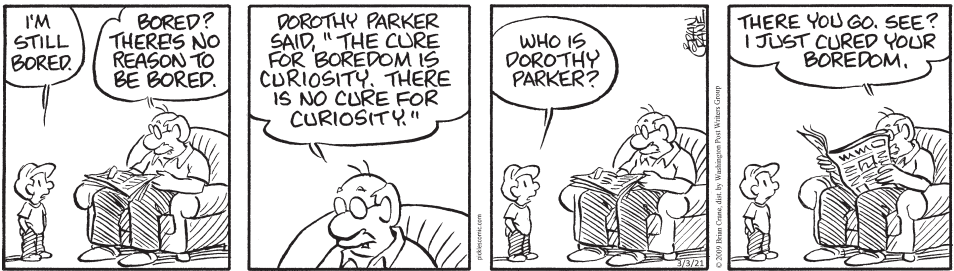
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PICKLES



When Jesus Christ comes back to this earth, evil is going to be destroyed

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Q: I have lived a long time remembering the evil displayed at Pearl Harbor and decades later on 9/11. We are watching the success of the cancel culture, but will evil ever be “canceled”? – C.C.

Billy Graham



A: When Jesus Christ comes back to this earth, evil is going to be destroyed. The devil himself is going to be cast into the bottomless pit, and ultimately into the lake of fire. The Bible says that the lake of fire was prepared for the devil and all who follow him. God never wants anyone else to go to Hell.

This is the reason God calls upon people everywhere to follow Him and be obedient to His Word found in the Scriptures. We must decide if

we are going to live for God and serve Him or live for Satan and follow him and run after the things of the world.

When Christ returns there will be worldwide justice. Hunger and poverty will be eliminated. Racial hatred will disappear. All the tensions between ethnic groups will be gone – there will be no more fighting. What a wonderful time that is going to be! Nature itself is going to be changed. “And there shall be no more curse” (Revelation 22:3). There will be safety

and security: “Everyone shall sit under his vine ... and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken” (Micah 4:4). Those who say “no” to Him now will one day bow at His feet, but then it will be too late to turn to Him and receive His eternal salvation.

Until that time, evil will continue to reign. Salvation now is the answer to evil and accepting Christ as your personal Savior will bring peace to the heart and strength for the journey, until He comes.

CELEBRITY CIPHER by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“YVKO E IMKHHR UMMX EP K YABKU
YVA HAJMP BM DAI BR BAUMR TZO
XAMPU’O ZUXMIPOKUX BKOV.”
— BELM TEITEWHEK

Previous Solution: “She (Tanya Roberts) brought joy to so many people. ... Goodbye angel, rest in peace.” — Jaclyn Smith

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Opinion

SPEAK UP

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LETTERS GUIDELINES

The Wabash Plain Dealer encourages your letters to the editor forum, which is designed to be a forum for exchange of ideas between readers about issues of community importance.

Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplaindealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.

DAILY SCRIPTURE

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
Hebrews 13:1-2

Who cares about public notices? You should

One of the great things about living in the U.S. is that our city and county governments are required to keep their citizens informed about their actions. One of the ways they do this is through public notices – the informational notices that have been deemed to be of importance to local constituents. They are required by law to be disseminated by an independent third party to a broad audience within the community.

An example of a public notice is a request to rezone a piece of property from residential to commercial. The ramifications of such government action are obvious, and it's in the public's interest to be able to monitor and provide input into such activities. Public notices are currently required to be published in the newspaper.

There have been recent attempts in several states to change the law so that public notices are no longer required to be published in newspapers. The motivation for eliminating the newspaper publication requirement is typically from one of two sources:

Sometimes it comes from a legislator who doesn't agree with the editorial position of the newspaper and may seek to remove public notices as a way to get back at them.

And sometimes, it is a sincere approach to save the city or county money.

While saving money seems to make sense at first blush, when you weigh the impact on the community – losing transparency and the ability to keep citizens informed – the costs are minimal and worth the investment.

Public notices have been around since the first Congress, and newspapers have been the designated recipient of public notices since the beginning when radio, TV and the internet didn't exist. We now have

dozens, if not hundreds of media choices; there are more forms of communication than ever before. With such a multitude of choices, it begs the question of what's the most effective medium, and are newspapers still a viable option? Broadcast TV, cable and radio often have a representative audience. However, it just isn't cost-effective to produce ads and buy airtime for public notices, and those ads don't explain the complex issues as well. Plus, it isn't feasible to go back and watch a public notice ad that ran at an earlier time.

What about a city or county just posting the notices to their website? This is the most significant challenge that newspapers often face in the public notice debate, but this carries two significant problems:

Government websites don't provide the same proactive notice as newspapers. Most newspapers have at least ten times the audience that city and county websites have, making newspapers and their websites far more effective.

Newspapers provide independent verification that the notice was provided. It is not too far of a reach to imagine a city official "burying a notice" on the city's website or limiting the length of time it is seen if the notice was thought to be problematic. When a notice is in the newspaper, the publisher is required by law to verify that the notice is printed according to the statutes. This provides the community with the information it needs. With a newspaper, it is easy to document when the notice was published in print and online, and exactly what it said.

While many websites have large audiences, most are specifically targeted at a specific interest, and not for a local (geographic)

community. Public notices, by their very nature, are local and only have value to the audience who live in the impacted area. The laws in most states require that the public notices printed in newspapers must also be posted to the newspaper's website, so the right audience is reached in print and online. Plus, the most interested observers of a community and its government typically read the local newspaper; there are typically few or no other entities that provide news about the city and county. It is rare to find a local website with an audience more interested in the actions of their government than that of the local newspaper.

Newspapers charge a reasonable fee for publishing public notices – usually significantly less than the commercial rates charged to other advertisers. This covers the newspaper's expense and may even provide a small profit. Considering the important role that newspapers play in their community, this is a worthwhile investment in an institution that provides news and information that is rarely available elsewhere.

Let your state legislators know that you value being able to access notices in your newspaper and that they are worth the investment. There is a cost to keeping citizens informed, but the costs of not doing so are much higher!

This editorial by America's Newspapers CEO Dean Ridings is being made available to members. On behalf of its approximately 1,500 newspaper and associate member companies, America's Newspapers is committed to explaining, defending and advancing the vital role of newspapers in democracy and civil life. We emphasize educating the public on all the ways newspapers contribute to building community identity and the success of local businesses. For more information, visit www.newspapers.org.



Who benefits from school choice?

By **DR. ROBERT STWALLEY**

The Republican supermajority in the Indiana General Assembly is currently attempting to prioritize private education benefiting fewer than 10 percent of students while underfunding its constitutional duty of providing a system of common school open and available to all. It is public schools that educate more than 90 percent of Hoosier students and are the "schools of choice" when considering open enrollment data. Unfortunately, the legislature wants to change the rules again to expand private school choice options and benefit their profiteers. The absurdity of these proposals is that parents in Indiana have always had a choice in schooling. The laws clearly state that children only need to be in a school. No one is forced to utilize any particular school.

This issue is really about who pays for the schooling. School choice advocates would have you believe that money should follow the child because this platitude is simple and seems to make sense on the surface. However, this is completely untrue and detrimental to the overall concept of a tuition-free public school system. Taxes are collected from everyone to support government activities. Public schools are government entities designed to improve society by providing practical education for the young citizens of tomorrow. Everyone is better off with an educated populace. School funding does not support any individual child, but the overall public school system. Siphoning school funding away from public schools through vouchers and ESAs to support attendance in private schools diminishes the ability of our public schools to serve the remaining children since expenses do not fall

in proportion to attendance. Public funding should only fund public schools.

The argument put forward by the privatizers that our public schools are failing and in need of replacing them with private, profit-driven schools is false. A recent peer-reviewed journal article (Waddington & Berends (2018), doi: 10.1002/pam.22086) about Indiana's voucher program conclusively demonstrates that while there is no statistical difference in language skills between public school and voucher-taking private school students, math skills decline and remain lower for years. The high-paying jobs of the future will require math skills, and these students are having the deck stacked against them. School choice advocates would have you believe that the free market in education ensures a better, high-quality education for children, when in fact, the opposite is true.

The free market works on the profit motive. Business entities supplying goods and services desire to make as large a profit as possible from their operations. That means cutting expenses to a minimum to become a low-cost provider. Public entities work on standards-driven missions to provide goods and services for the benefit of everyone. Yes, we pay our instructors more, because we only hire qualified professionals. We spend significant time and effort on our curriculums because we utilize experts to carefully determine and review what we teach. Our buildings are expensive, because we want our children safe, secure, and well-cared for when they are under our supervision. When presented in this light, does anyone want their children educated by the low-cost provider who is guided by the profit motive?

The Indiana General Assem-

bly would have you believe that profit-driven, low-cost educational providers are best for everyone. They are currently attempting to double-down on vouchers through a mechanism called Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs). These are essentially open spending debit cards given to parents that leave public schools and opt-in to the program for their private "educational expenses." Vouchers and ESAs are subject to less regulation, accountability, and transparency than public school spending. Audits of ESAs in other states that have tried these programs routinely uncover significant abuse in which the children are the ultimate losers when their educational funding is spent by parents for non-educational purposes.

The legislature has additionally proposed raising the income limits to qualify for the existing school voucher program to levels incorporating families that can only be described as "well-off" or "wealthy," completely undermining their original talking point of helping poor families escape "failing" schools. This proposal will not improve the education of Indiana's children. It will not save the state any money, and it is fiscally irresponsible. As a society, it is in everyone's best interest to maintain and support a strong and robust public school system for all families. Please contact your legislator and encourage them to vote "no" on HB 1005.

Dr. Robert Stwalley is president of the Indiana School Boards Association and the Lafayette School Corporation Board of Trustees, with nearly 20 year's experience in public school policy and guidance. All four of Dr. Stwalley's grandparents were public school teachers, and he and his wife have had four children that were successfully educated into American citizenship through the public school system.

Becerra nomination a disaster for Hoosiers

At a time when our government faces historic health care challenges – most notably the battle with COVID-19 and the effort to create and distribute viable vaccines – President Joe Biden has chosen a partisan warrior with no health care or administrative experience to lead the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

While you may not know Xavier Becerra – the current Attorney General of California – you are likely familiar with some of his "greatest hits".

Remember when the Trump Administration gave Little Sisters of the Poor a religious exemption from Obamacare, and the State of California sued the nuns to force them to offer birth control? That was Xavier Becerra.

Remember when the State of California tried to make pro-life Crisis Pregnancy Centers advertise free and low-cost abortions? That case was fought to the Supreme Court, where a conservative majority shot it down. That case was called National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra.

Remember when President Trump declared a national emergency to move forward with building the wall on our southern border, and open border advocates sued to stop it? That, too, was Xavier Becerra.

Lacking administrative experience of any kind, Becerra's qualifications seem to be his prolific willingness to sue to block Trump administration policies, which he did more than 60 times. Becerra is not a health expert, he's a career politician, having served in elected office for more than 30 years.

His voting record from his time as a member of the House of Representatives gives a clear indication on how he may operate if confirmed. Becerra voted against a ban on partial-birth abortions and penalties for sex-selective abortions. He received a 100 percent rating from Planned Parenthood. He has also endorsed a government-run Medicare for All scheme.

HHS is a \$1.3 trillion agency that oversees the health and well-being of Americans, according to its mission.

The health and well-being of Americans are truly of utmost importance, especially in the midst of – and as we emerge from – a global pandemic. A high government position of this nature calls for a nominee with health care expertise and administrative experience. Becerra has neither.

For those reasons and more, I will be a strong no vote against Xavier Becerra's nomination.
Republican Todd Young has represented Indiana in the U.S. Senate since 2017.

LETTER

Include racetracks in grant program

I write to request that Congress create a grant program to support recreation, sports and amusement venues that provide live entertainment yet were excluded from the "Shuttered Venue Operators Grants" program (Section 324 of Public Law No:116-260). It is imperative to the future of racetracks in communities across the country that Congress provide a lifeline for live entertainment businesses that have experienced unprecedented declines in revenue as a result of complying with attendance restrictions.

Many small businesses, including family-owned and operated racetracks, depend on hosting live events each week. These venues have been devastated by lockdowns and capacity restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic, experiencing revenue declines of 50 percent or more. Ticket-buying customers were prohibited from attending races, and race teams were unable to perform or participate in motorsports competition in the months after the start of the pandemic. Ongoing attendance restrictions continue to threaten many racetracks along with other entertainment venues, which provide jobs and are integral to communities across the country.

Please support the nearly 1,000 small local and regional live event providers that host motorsports events in addition to the millions of fans who depend on local racetracks for affordable, family-friendly entertainment.

Dan Kronenberg, Elwood
Armand Smith, Muncie
Mike Sargent, Albany
Randy Rinker, Syracuse
Buddy Davis, Muncie
Trina Stovall, Fort Wayne
Bruce Miller, Hartford City
Vic Brown, Tipton
Bruce Harper, Delhi
Rich Pedraza, Fort Wayne
Tom Ellis, Fort Wayne
Lisa Scott, Warsaw
Jeffrey Achors, Kokomo
Lori Schilling, Portland
Phil Penn, Wabash
Joel Chalfant, Hartford City
Andy Gilbert, Fort Wayne
Brent Baker, Leesburg
Matthew Goodnight, Hartford City
Shawn Hazelswart, Fort Wayne

FIRE

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word of the fire at the home at 13475 South Miami County Road 300 East at 10:48 a.m., the release said.

The release identified the caller as Laura Gingerich, 27, a resident of the home, who reported heavy smoke and that her three children were trapped inside the residence.

“The first extinguishing fire unit arrived at approximately 11:04 a.m.,” the release said. “Fire units made a quick entry into the home and recovered the three children in a second-floor room that contained heavy smoke”

All three children were unconscious and not breathing. Firefighters and law enforcement officers at the scene began life saving measures until the children were taken to hospitals in Kokomo and Peru.

The fire is still under investigation led by the Miami County Sheriff’s Office in conjunction with the Indiana Fire Marshal’s Office.

As of Saturday evening, neither the cause of the fire nor the cause of the children’s deaths have been determined, the news release said. Autopsies were waiting to be scheduled.

“Early evidence indicates that Laura Gingerich was in a downstairs bathroom while the children were in a second-floor room,” the release said. “Laura Gingerich smelled smoke and tried to get to her children.”

She reported the smoke was too thick for her to make it up the stairs and that she then called 911.

Numerous agencies assisted the Miami County Sheriff’s Office at the scene to include the Amboy Fire Department, Converse Fire Department, the Galveston Fire Department, the Pipe Creek Fire Department, the Indiana State Police, Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Indiana Fire Marshal’s Office.

Chief Deputy Dave Vitek with the Sheriff’s Office talked with the Tribune Saturday night and called the fire a “horrible tragedy.”

He complimented the firefighters and law enforcement officers from all the responding agencies for their “professionalism and bravery.”

“They made every attempt possible to save those children,” he said.

In a message posted to social media on Saturday night, Maconaquah School Corporation officials said Miracle and Steven Gingerich were students at Pipe Creek Elementary.

“Our students and staff are devastated by the loss of the Gingerich children,” the notice said. “Both Miracle and Steven had contagious smiles and a bubbly energy that will be sorrowfully missed by their teachers and many friends.”

“My heart and the hearts of Pipe Creek and Maconaquah staff are absolutely broken over this devastating loss,” Pipe Creek Principal, Laura Fulton, said in the message. “We send our deepest thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the Gingerich children.”

“We have sent an email to the parents of students who were in class with both Miracle and Steven,” the post said. “We encourage parents to talk with their students about the loss of their classmate as this will allow them to grieve with their family and the loved ones closest to them.”

The school said counselors would be available to students throughout the week.

Jared Keever, Peru Tribune editor, may be reached by email at jkeever@perutribune.com.

PULSE

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every week from 7 to 8:30 or 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Manchester High School band room.

Series of in-person Imagine One 85 workshops taking place this week

Originally planned for February, a series of in-person Imagine One 85 Focus on the Future sessions have been slated for early March by the Community Foundation of Wabash County (CFWC) and Grow Wabash County. Planned in-person sessions include 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Honeywell Center’s Legacy Center, 275 W. Market St.; and 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at the Manchester Community Schools Administration Building Auditorium, 404 W. 9th St., North Manchester. To register, visit <https://imagineone85.org/focus-on-the-future/>.

Wabash Marketplace announces March First Friday details

Organized by Wabash Marketplace, First Friday takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 5 in downtown Wabash. This free event features downtown shopping, food, live music and children’s activities. The theme is “Lucky & Lit,” honoring St. Patrick’s Day and the city of Wabash being the first electrically lighted city in the world. Trolley No. 85 will be running including stops at Veteran’s Plaza, Eagles Theatre, The Depot, YMCA and the Charley Creek Inn Miami Entrance. Face coverings and social distancing are required in downtown Wabash. For more information, visit wabashmarketplace.org/first-friday.

Wabash County Democratic Party to hold reorganization caucuses

The Wabash County Democratic Party is set to hold their

reorganization caucuses at noon Saturday, March 6 in the west parking lot of the Honeywell Center, 275 W. Market St. The event will conclude by 1 p.m. A short meeting followed by the election of new officers will take place at that time, as well as new business. Only elected or appointed precinct-level committee members are eligible to vote and participate in this caucus.

Frances Slocum Chapter of the DAR to hold March meeting

Wabash County Frances Slocum Chapter of the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, at the Grandstaff Hentgen Activity Room, 1241 Manchester Ave. The program will be given by Brenda Ramseier, on her painting of the women suffragist and the 19th Amendment. Prospective members and guests are always welcome to attend. DAR membership is open to any woman 18 years of age, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Those having questions about their family history lineage information may contact www.dar.org or Linda Thompson at 260-563-4661 or Barbara Amiss at 260-982-4376.

Grow Wabash County hosting Process Communication workshop

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s Process Communication Model (PCM) workshop scheduled for Monday, May 3 through Wednesday, May 5, at the Grow Wabash County office. Tuition for the workshop will be \$550 until March 9, when the cost will go up to \$600. The tuition fee will cover the participant’s course fees, an in-depth personalized PCM profile, and snacks and meals throughout the workshop. Those interested or representatives for their companies can do so at www.growwabashcounty.com/pcm workshop or by contacting Grow Wabash County by email info@growwabash

county.com or by phone at 260-563-5258.

Second Harvest to hold tailgate food distributions

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana has planned tailgate food distributions for 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. For more information, visit www.curehunger.org.classy.org/campaign/hunger-action-month/c299182 or <https://www.givepulse.com/group/203410>.

Employers invited to Manchester University Virtual Career Fair

Those with opportunities for full-time and part-time employment, internships and graduate school are invited to take part in the Manchester University Virtual Career Fair. The deadline to register is March 5, but spots are limited. Organizations can take part free of charge. The virtual career fair is 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 on Handshake, an online platform that helps students connect with potential employers. This fair is for undergraduate students from the North Manchester campus. Register by visiting <https://link.manchester.edu/careerfair> or email CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu.

Southwood, Metro North Kindergarten Round-Ups announced

Children who will be at least five years of age on or before Aug. 1 are eligible to participate in kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Southwood Elementary will host their Round-Up on Wednesday, March 10, and Metro North Elementary will hold theirs on Thursday, March 11. Families must register for Kindergarten Round-Up no later than March 8. To

register, visit www.msddwc.k12.in.us. For more information about Southwood Elementary School, email Principal Phil Boone at boonepr@msddwc.k12.in.us. For more information about Metro North Elementary School, email Principal Janette Moore at moorej@msddwc.k12.in.us.

Visit Wabash County plans annual St. Trolley’s Day Tour

Visit Wabash County has announced tickets are on sale for the annual St. Trolley’s Day Tour set for Saturday, March 13. The St. Trolley’s Day Tour is \$30 per person, due at registration, and is all-inclusive for those 21 and older. To register, visit www.VisitWabashCounty.com/trolley-tours, visit 221 S. Miami St. or call 260-563-7171.

Salute to Ag Dinner planned for March 10

The 2021 Salute to Ag Dinner will take place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at the Heartland REMC building, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 to \$2,500. For more information, visit growwabashcounty.com/ag2021 or email marketing@growwabashcounty.com or call 260-563-5258.

Wabash County Animal Shelter partnership to pair emerging readers with dogs, cats

The local Literacy for Companionship program will be held on the third Thursday of each month, starting March 18 at the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Ave. The time will be split into 30-minute shifts from 4 to 6 p.m., with four children scheduled per session. There is no cost for the program and the parents or guardians will be with the children at all times. For more information, call 260-563-3511.

WACT plans spring comedy

Performances of “Play On!”

by Rick Abbot and directed by Brett Robinson have been scheduled for the weekend of Friday, April 30 through Sunday, May 2 at Southwood Jr.-Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124. For more information, email brett.a.robinson1@outlook.com.

COVID-19 testing continues at Parkview Wabash

OptumServe will administer free COVID-19 testing from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays at Parkview Wabash Hospital “on an on-going basis.” Testing will take place at 8 John Kissinger Drive in the first-floor conference room of the Medical Office Building (MOB) adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospital. Testing site patrons should not use the MOB entrance or enter through the hospital, but instead, enter and exit through the designated entrance between the two buildings. Signage will mark the appropriate entrance, which is within a few steps of the conference room and testing site.

DivorceCare meets Tuesdays

DivorceCare, a 13-week DVD series sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, features some of the nation’s foremost Christian experts on topics concerning divorce and recovery, according to group leader Janet Quillen. The support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Conference Room in the Wabash Friends Counseling Center, 3563 South State Road 13. Wearing a mask is required when entering. Quillen and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on State Road 15. For more information, call 260-563-8453, 877-350-1658, email office@wabashfriends.org, call 260-571-5235 or visit www.divorcecare.org.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplainedealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

COSTS

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on Saturday.

“The vaccine requires only one dose and is safe and effective at preventing hospitalizations and deaths in clinical trials involving nearly 44,000 participants from all races and ethnicities,” stated the ISDH.

The ISDH has also begun planning for a future mass vaccination clinic in Gary in collaboration with local health officials. Additional mass vaccination sites in other locations will be planned as more vaccine becomes available.

All clinics will require advance registration through <https://ourshot.in.gov> or by calling 211. Proof of age and residency will be required. The mass vaccination clinics are listed as sites that eligible Hoosiers can select when making an appointment. No walk-ups will be permitted.

Indiana’s Area Agencies on Aging, AARP and nearly 70 libraries around the state also can help Hoosiers schedule their appointments.

The clinic schedules are as follows:

■ 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, March 5 to Sunday, March 7 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 4790 W. 16th St., Indianapolis. Enter through the main gate off 16th Street. Participants will remain in their cars for their vaccines.

■ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13 at Ivy Tech Community College, 8204 County Road 311, Sellersburg. Participants will remain in their cars for their vaccines.

■ 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 at the University of Notre Dame, Compton Family Ice Arena, 100 Compton Family Ice Arena, Notre Dame.

Additional dates may be added to each of the above sites depending on demand and vaccine availability.

Long-term care facilities

The ISDH’s long-term care facilities dashboard is cur-

rent as of Wednesday, Feb. 17 and was updated Wednesday, Feb. 24. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Wednesdays. New positive cases and deaths have occurred over a range of dates but were reported to the ISDH seven days before the last dashboard update.

During the latest update, in Wabash County:

■ Timbercrest Senior Living Community in North Manchester reported 10 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 50 staff positive cases.

■ Peabody Retirement Community in North Manchester reported fewer than five new resident death, 54 total resident positive cases, 14 total resident deaths and 125 staff positive cases.

■ Wellbrooke of Wabash reported fewer than five new resident positive cases, 34 total resident positive cases, 12 total resident deaths and 33 staff positive cases.

■ Autumn Ridge Rehabilitation Centre reported 19 total positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.

■ Vernon Health and Rehabilitation reported 36 total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 27 staff positive cases.

■ Rolling Meadows Health Care Centre in LaFontaine reported 56 total resident positive cases, 16 total resident deaths and 15 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash East reported 51 total resident positive cases, nine total resident deaths and 32 staff positive cases.

■ Miller’s Merry Manor – Wabash West reported fewer than five total resident positive cases, fewer than five total resident deaths and 14 staff positive cases.

School figures

The ISDH’s school dashboard was updated Monday, Feb. 29 with data as of 11:59 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26. The dashboard is updated weekly at noon Mondays.

Statewide, 155 schools reported no cases, 1,924 reported one or more cases and

289 have not reported.

In Wabash County, only White’s Jr./Sr. High School has reported to the ISDH that they have no cases.

During the latest update, Wabash County schools with one or more confirmed cases included:

■ Manchester Jr./Sr. High School (MHS) reported fewer than five new student positive cases, 53 total student positive cases, 11 total teacher positive cases and nine total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Elementary School (MES) reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Manchester Intermediate School (MIS) reported eight total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Metro North Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student and positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

■ Heartland Career Center reported fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Sharp Creek Elementary School reported six total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS) reported 39 total student positive cases, six total teacher positive cases and eight total staff positive cases.

■ O.J. Neighbours Elementary School reported 11 total student positive cases, 10 total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash Middle School reported 12 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Wabash High School reported 15 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ St. Bernard Elementary School reported fewer than

five each total student positive cases and total teacher positive cases.

■ Southwood Jr./Sr. High School (SHS) reported 16 total student positive cases, fewer than five total teacher positive cases and fewer than five total staff positive cases.

■ Southwood Elementary School reported fewer than five each total student positive cases, total teacher positive cases and total staff positive cases.

Schools of high learning are not listed on the ISDH schools dashboard. However, Manchester University maintains its own, separate dashboard. On-campus COVID-19 testing began again the week of Jan. 4. Updates to this dashboard will be made each Friday to reflect the current week of testing and the semester to date. As of Friday, Feb. 26, a total of 592 tests were performed the previous week, with 99.8 percent being negative, and .2 percent of them being positive. There have been 2,805 total tests performed this semester, with 99.8 percent of them being negative, and .2 percent of them being positive. During that week, there was two self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and no self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus. This semester, there have been nine self-reported cases on the North Manchester campus, and four self-reported cases on the Fort Wayne campus.

Local figures

■ On Saturday, the ISDH reported four new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,308, with 14,110 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10.7 percent. “A historical load of negative and positive labs resulted in the addition of 96 historical tested individuals, 2,756 historical tests administered and 18 historical cases to today’s counts,” stated the ISDH.

■ On Sunday, the ISDH reported three new local pos-

itive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,311, with 14,153 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.8 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 9.6 percent.

■ On Monday, the ISDH reported three new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,314, with 14,145 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 2.9 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 11.2 percent.

■ On Tuesday, the ISDH reported four new local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County’s total to 3,318, with 14,163 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating for all tests was 3 percent. The local seven-day positivity rating for unique individuals was 10.2 percent.

Statewide figures

On Tuesday, the ISDH announced 582 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at state and private laboratories. That brings to 662,750 the number of Indiana residents now known to have had the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day’s dashboard.

A total of 12,192 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 31 from the previous day. Another 431 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

To date, 3,123,029 unique individuals have been tested in Indiana, up from 3,120,195 on Monday. A total of 8,056,112 tests, including repeat tests for unique individuals, have been reported to the ISDH since Feb. 26, 2020.

To find testing sites around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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Watson takes over reins of Manchester tennis programs

On campus, he serves as an asst. professor of chemistry

By DILLON BENDER

Dr. Kyle Watson took over as the head men’s and women’s tennis coach at Manchester University in January. Waston spent the 2020 Fall semester as the volunteer assistant men’s and women’s tennis coach.

On campus, Dr. Watson serves as an assistant professor of chemistry. Waston graduated from Manchester in 2010 with a bachelor’s degree in chemistry. While as an undergrad at Manchester, Watson earned four varsity letters in tennis. He completed his Ph.D. in organic and medicinal chemistry from Notre Dame in 2015. The Manchester University



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tennis programs will look to resume play this school year in March.

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Manchester men’s tennis tops Olivet 6-3

Sunday’s win was the first win for head coach Kyle Watson

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University men’s tennis team earned a 6-3 victory over the Olivet College Comets in Michigan on Sunday, Feb. 28.

Sunday’s win was the first win for head coach Kyle Watson.

MU earned a pair of doubles victories against the Comets. Austin Arnold and Andrew Kibler paired up for an 8-3 triumph at the no. 2 slot. Connor Glenn and Trevor Johnson won 8-3 at no. 3 doubles.

In singles play, reigning Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Men’s Tennis

Player of the Week Isaac Miller, from Millersburg and Fairfield High School, cruised to a 6-3, 6-0 victory at the no. 1 flight.

Andrew Kibler, from Cape Coral, Florida and Mariner High School, added a 6-4, 6-1 victory at no. 3 singles. Austin Arnold, from Coatesville and South Putnam High School, earned a 6-2, 6-2 victory at no. 4 singles.

Connor Glenn, from Middlebury and Northridge High School, rounded out the scoring for Manchester with a 6-0, 6-0 victory at no. 6 singles.

Manchester (2-3) will take on Adrian College on Saturday, March 13. Olivet (3-3) will take on Albion on Friday, March 5.

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MU swimming wraps up a road trip to Franklin

HCAC championships scheduled to take place in Terre Haute from March 5 through 7

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University swimming teams returned to the pool on Saturday afternoon at Franklin College. The Black and Gold competed in the Franklin quadrangular meet on Saturday, Feb. 20.

Freshman Spencer Harrison, from Tipton, highlighted Saturday afternoon’s per-

formances with a third-place finish in the 1650-yard free-style with a time of 19:49.39.

Manchester will now set its sights on competing in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) championships that are scheduled to take place in Terre Haute from March 5 through 7.

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Two Manchester volleyball players garner honorable mention All-HCAC honors

Junior middle hitter Campbell, sophomore right side Planck recognized

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced its Spring 2021 Volleyball All-Conference teams and award winners on Monday, March 1.

Two Spartans were recognized in this year’s awards listing. Junior middle hitter Samantha Campbell, from Brownsburg, and sophomore right side Halle Planck, from Gas City and Mississinewa High School, were both Honorable Mention All-Heartland Collegiate Athletic Confer-

ence honorees.

Campbell ended her junior season with 130 kills and 49 total blocks. Her 49 blocks ranked third in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference this year. Campbell also tallied 170.5 points this season, good enough for 10th in the HCAC. Campbell led Manchester with a .201 hitting percentage.

Planck also earned Honorable Mention All-HCAC honors on Monday. Battling through an injury towards the end of her sophomore campaign, Halle ended the season with 119 kills and 2.29 kills per set average. Planck added a .165 hitting percentage this year, ranking her second on the Manchester roster.

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Manchester volleyball concludes 2020-21 season

The visiting Ravens took both matches of the doubleheader

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University volleyball team wrapped up its 2020-21 season against Anderson University on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 23 in Stauffer-Wolfe Arena.

Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19

pandemic, Manchester University was able to play 23 matches this year.

The visiting Ravens took both matches of the doubleheader.

■ **Match 1:** Anderson defeated Manchester 3-0 (25-17, 25-21, 25-18)

■ **Match 2:** Anderson defeated Manchester 3-1 (25-11, 23-25, 25-22, 25-20)

Anderson took the first match of the night in straight sets 25-17, 25-21 and 25-18.

After dropping the open-

ing set in the second match of the evening, Manchester pieced together a rally to even the match at 1-set apiece. The Black and Gold overcame a 4-point deficit to take the second set by a final tally of 25-23.

The Ravens rebounded, taking the third and fourth sets by scores of 25-22 and 25-20.

Samantha Campbell, from Brownsburg, totaled 19 kills on the night. She added a pair of solo blocks. Campbell ended her junior cam-

paign with a .201 hitting percentage, 49 total blocks (16 solo, 33 assists), and 130 total kills.

Helaina Walters, from Marion and Eastbrook High School, added 15 kills and 23 digs.

Senior Mackenzie Rooks, from Columbus and Columbus North High School, ended her Manchester career with 20 digs on the night.

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Manchester and HCAC announces an update for outdoor spectator policy

Attendees must maintain a distance of at least 10 feet from any participants at all times

By DILLON BENDER

The Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) announced an update to its outdoor spectator policy on Friday, Feb. 26.

The HCAC Council of Presidents agreed that, for all outdoor sports, each HCAC campus will create its policy regarding spectator attendance by NCAA Recommendations, local health guidelines, and campus policy. Spectators will not be permitted on the playing surface at any time on game days and must maintain a distance of at least 10 feet from any participants at all times.

At Manchester University, the impact of the new policy will allow the following fan structure at on-campus home events:

HCAC Tournament – Men’s and women’s basketball games hosted at Manchester

■ The general public is not invited.

■ Two persons per Manchester University student-athlete will be admit-

ted. Guests will be contacted directly.

■ Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.

■ Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

Football (also includes MU cheerleaders)

■ Opposing fans will not be permitted.

■ Four persons per Manchester University student-athlete (and MU coaching staff) will be admitted.

■ Guests will be contacted directly to sign up for admittance.

■ Up to 100 Manchester University students will be admitted.

■ Students will be contacted directly to sign up for admittance.

■ Students will sit in the far bleachers, opposite the press box

■ Cheerleaders will be situated on the press box side of Spartan Stadium.

■ Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.

■ Fans must maintain a so-

cial distance of at least 6 feet.

■ Pep and marching band are to be determined.

Men’s and women’s soccer

■ Opposing fans will not be permitted.

■ Four persons per Manchester University student-athlete will be admitted.

■ Guests will be contacted directly to sign up for admittance.

■ Up to 100 Manchester University students will be admitted.

■ Students will be contacted directly to sign up for admittance.

■ Students will sit in the far bleachers, opposite the press box.

■ Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.

■ Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

Baseball and softball

■ Opposing fans will not be permitted.

■ Four persons per Manchester University student-athlete will be admitted.

■ Guests will be contacted directly to sign up for admittance.

■ Limited student attendance will be permitted.

■ Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.

■ Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

Outdoor track

■ Opposing fans will not be permitted.

■ Four persons per Manchester University student-athlete will be admitted.

■ Guests will be contacted directly to sign up for admittance.

■ Limited student attendance will be permitted.

■ Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.

■ Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

Men’s and women’s tennis

■ Opposing fans will not be permitted.

■ Masks and facial coverings must be worn at all times while on the Manchester University campus.

■ Fans must maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet.

■ Fans are highly encouraged to bring their seating.

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Cubs’ Pederson is ready to seize his opportunity

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

Joc Pederson is betting on himself.

The new Chicago Cubs outfielder turned down multiyear offers elsewhere for a one-year deal in Chicago because the organization offered the main thing he coveted. Pederson wanted an opportunity to play every day, and he will get a chance to show he’s more than a platoon option as the Cubs’ starting left fielder.

Pederson, entering his eighth big league season, knows it is on him to deliver. Manager David Ross isn’t going to keep running him out there if Pederson doesn’t come through against left-handers. Ross brought that up during a phone conversation with Pederson before the 28-year-old signed with the team Feb. 5.

““Hey, I’m going to pencil you in there every day, and if we come to July and you’re not cutting it and you’re hitting .150 against lefties – we’re still here to win ball-games,”” Pederson recalled Ross telling him. “I said, ‘Absolutely.’ Like, I’m not looking for anything guaranteed. I just want to have a real opportunity. Basically that’s what he said, ‘We’re going to give you that,’ and I think that was a huge.”

“I trusted him and I think he’s trusting me, and it’s going to be a lot of fun.”

Pederson didn’t get many extended looks from the Los Angeles Dodgers to prove that as a left-handed hitter he wouldn’t be a liability against



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Anthony Rizzo talks with Joc Pederson, right, during batting practice at Cubs spring training at Sloan Park in Mesa, Ariz., on Feb. 25.

lefties. He started 23 games versus left-handers during his first full season in 2015; over the next five years, he had only 28 total starts. The Dodgers’ organizational depth allowed them to build a consistent winner and a threatening lineup. At times, that meant players had to put the team ahead of themselves. For Pederson, it resulted in a platoon role.

“I don’t think I am respected as an everyday player, (it’s) why a lot of teams didn’t want to pursue me as that,” Pederson said Friday. “So I’m excited for this opportunity, and it’s fun to come to field every day knowing that I’m getting another shot.”

In six-plus seasons overall with the Dodgers, Pederson hit .230 with 130 home runs and 303 RBIs with a .336 on-

base percentage, .806 OPS and 116 OPS+.

Cubs hitting coach Anthony Iapoe has enjoyed getting to know Pederson and watching him work in camp. Iapoe said Pederson has been proactive in his cage work, including how to attack left-handers and right-handers while facing different arm angles. It’s not the practice and work itself that has stood out to Iapoe but Pederson’s approach to the challenge.

“You can see that he wants it,” Iapoe said this week. “It’s no different from what anybody else is doing in the major leagues to try and get an everyday job. But just the competitive awareness, the spirit that he brings, I think those are the things where you’re like, OK, I can see this happening.”

With Pederson as the lone external addition to the Cubs starting lineup, Ross’ job becomes a little easier if Pederson shows improvement and doesn’t need to be benched every time an opposing team starters a left-hander. Ross could look to pinch hit for Pederson when a lefty comes in from the bullpen, especially against a power arm like the Milwaukee Brewers’ Josh Hader. It will be up to Pederson to force Ross to keep him the lineup.

“I know what type of player I am,” Pederson said. “Just-getting opportunities is going to be good. I guess you could say I’ve got to prove some stuff to them. But I’m going to have to prove it for anybody but myself. Like, I know what I can do and I’m not going to add pressure.”